

資料說明

立法會環境事務委員會

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《香港合資格環保專業人員學會條例草案》

前言

1. 本文件之目的是向委員會提交擬議的《香港合資格環保專業人員學會條例草案》（"《條例草案》"）並徵求各位委員的意見。律政司法律草擬專員已發出證明書，證明《條例草案》符合香港特別行政區立法會《議事規則》的條例草案格式及香港法例的一般格式。《條例草案》及法律草擬專員的證明書載於本文件**附錄 A 及 B**。

一般事項

2. 《條例草案》擬議採用議員私人條例草案的形式提交。《條例草案》將由盧偉國議員推薦，並將按《基本法》第 74 條徵求行政長官同意把《條例草案》提交立法會。

背景和目的

3. 《條例草案》的目的是給予香港合資格環保專業人員學會（"「環專會」"）法律認可組織的地位。透過立法，「環專會」將成為一個持續存在的獨特法律實體並只能透過立法會頒布的另一項法律作出解散。此舉旨在維護「環專會」的長期存在和獨立性。

4. 為了應對氣候變化帶來的種種挑戰，國家主席習近平在 2020 年 9 月表明中國會努力爭取在 2030 年前碳排放量達峰，並於 2060 年前實現碳中和，這「雙碳目標」是國家作出的重要承諾，也為未來建立綠色、低碳和循環經濟訂立了清晰的方向和策略。香港亦一直積極推動應對氣候變化的工作，特區政府在 2021 年 10 月公布《香港氣候行動藍圖 2050》，提出 2035 年前碳排放量減半，並致力爭取於 2050 年前實現碳中和。在此發展形勢之下，業界預期本港對環境專業人才的需求日益殷切。為了及時把握低碳轉型帶來的增長新動力，並把握與鄰近地區合作的機遇，香港需要完善環境

專業人士的專業資歷架構和持續專業發展，提升相關專業學會的地位，並培訓更多青年人成為具備相關知識和技能的專業人士，持續充實環境專業人才庫。

5. 「環專會」於 2015 年由一群來自環保業界、公共界別及現有環保專業機構的人士成立，不僅為應對這些挑戰，更藉此轉化為香港以及大灣區的發展機遇。「環專會」期望將香港轉化為卓越的專業環境服務中心，配合並支持環境服務業發展成為香港的支柱產業之一。這樣便可以提供清晰的專業路徑，為我們的未來和年輕一代創造更多優質就業機會，讓其追求綠色和可持續的事業，並進一步鞏固香港在專業行業的長期優勢。

6. 隨著人們對環境可持續性、氣候變化和碳中和的認識不斷增強，對環境專業人才的需求正不斷增長。提高這些專業人員的資格可以在再生能源、能源效益、可持續交通、可持續農業、廢物管理和環境顧問等各個領域創造新的就業機會。合資格環境專業人員還可以幫助確保環境可持續專案的融資，提供技術專業知識以評估專案的可行性並識別潛在的環境風險和機會。合資格環境專業人士可以進行環境盡職調查，以評估與投資相關的環境風險和機會，包括評估其環境影響、專案的監管合規性以及潛在的環境責任。審查環境、社會和企業管治 (ESG) 信息揭露及提供獨立的專業驗證，也可以確保投資符合 ESG 標準。這可以幫助識別任何潛在的漂綠或對環境影響的扭曲。憑藉高品質的評估和審查，這可以吸引對 ESG 相關投資感興趣的投資者。

7. 除了創造就業機會和吸引投資之外，具有可持續發展專業知識的環境專業人士可幫助公私營機構提高環境績效、減少碳足跡並實現 ESG 的相關目標。發展環境專業人員的資格可以激勵和吸引年輕人才加入該行業，這是因為他們未來在應對氣候變化和碳中和、保護自然資源和促進可持續發展方面的工作有重要性，並可發揮積極的影響力。

8. 「環專會」的成立是為了促進、發展和維護專注於六個環境領域專業評估的資格體系，即（1）環境科學、管理和政策，（2）空氣，（3）噪音，（4）環境影響評估和風險評估，（5）廢物和（6）水質，透過公開考試的方式滿足合格要求以及其他相關會員標準，以獲得參加專業面試的資格。在嚴格的專業評核要求下，2015 年至 2023 年間，有超過 1 200 名考生參加了閉卷公開考試，而且「環專會」已成為一個本

地機構並擁有超過 660 名以香港為家的專業人士，正從事香港及大灣區的環保產業工作，其專業會員數量仍然不斷增加。

9. 「環專會」會員以其專業能力，參與香港各方面的環境保護工作。試舉以下數例：（1）許多來自不同行業的公司，包括地產發展商、工程公司、顧問公司、公用事業公司及法定機構，承諾支持環保專業人員的持續專業發展，並承諾於環境相關職位認可由「環專會」鑒定合格的專業資格，並鼓勵相關人員追求「環專會」的專業資格；（2）「2022年青年高峰會」討論並展示了不同領域的青年環境專業人士，如何在大灣區實現碳中和方面發揮積極作用；（3）響應政府「綠色就業計劃」倡議而推出的「環境畢業生啟導計劃（GEMS）」，促進環境畢業生的持續發展，並連繫畢業生和環境行業專業人士，以提供分享經驗和知識的機會；（4）鼓勵教育機構提供在基本環境原則方面具有適當廣度和特定領域深度，及加強學術和環境專業從業者之間合作的環境學位課程「認證計劃」，已認證了香港科技大學、香港中文大學、香港浸會大學和香港大學的不同大學本科課程；（5）推出了一項識別和認證環境電腦模擬從業人員的認證計劃，以支持和鼓勵「環專會」會員在空氣和噪音電腦模擬方面的專業發展，因其是香港環境影響評估和土地利用規劃過程的重要組成部分；以及（6）制定重點關注環境和可持續發展觀點的環境、社會和企業管治（ESG）計劃，隨著香港綠色金融發展，這將有助滿足對 ESG 績效的透明度和保證不斷提升的要求。

10. 除此之外，「環專會」亦積極參與不同持份者活動並發表環保專業意見，例如《長遠減碳策略》、《香港土地供應》、《推廣電動車》、證券及期貨事務監察委員會《有關基金經理管理及披露氣候相關風險的諮詢文件》、《2018 年廢物處置(都市固體廢物收費)(修訂)條例草案》、塑膠飲料容器生產者責任計劃公眾諮詢、政府公布《香港清新空氣藍圖 2035》以及行政長官施政報告等。

11. 合資格環境專業人員是信譽良好並受高度尊重的職業。他們在滿足當前和未來的環境專業知識需求、支持環境產業的發展以及維持香港合資格環境專業人士人才庫等方面都發揮重要作用。

《條例草案》

12. 《條例草案》之目的是賦予「環專會」法團地位，使其成為永久繼承的法人實體，只有在立法會通過另一項法規後才能解散。這將確保「環專會」的長期存在和獨立性。

13. 擬議《條例草案》的主要條文，謹概述如下：

- (a) 第 1 條列出條例簡稱。
- (b) 第 2 條界定《條例草案》中所用的若干術語。
- (c) 第 3 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會成為法團。
- (d) 第 4 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會的宗旨。
- (e) 第 5 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會的權力。
- (f) 第 6 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會的財產歸屬事宜。
- (g) 第 7 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會理事會的設立。
- (h) 第 8 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會理事會的權力。
- (i) 第 9 條處理會籍事宜。
- (j) 第 10 條訂明現行章程成為香港合資格環保專業人員學會章程。
- (k) 第 11 條列出須呈交公司註冊處處長的資料。
- (l) 第 12 條是香港特別行政區立法會議事規則第 50(8)條所要求載有的保留條文。

諮詢

14. 環境及生態局及環境保護署長期以來一直支持「環專會」所推行的專業資格制度及對環境專業人士持續發展的推動，而政府當局的支持有助各界認識到專業資格的重要性，除了應對氣候變化和碳中和等全球挑戰，亦滿足環保領域對熟練專業人員日益增長的需求。環境保護署署長徐浩光博士的支持信函載於本文件**附錄 C**。

15. 為確保《條例草案》得到廣泛接受和有效實施，「環專會」亦諮詢受《條例草案》影響的不同範疇的其他持份者，均得到正面的回應及支持，並且在諮詢活動中進行了建設性交流。公眾持份者溝通活動於 2023 年 8 月 12 日上午和 2023 年 8 月 14 日辦公時間後安排，大多數持份者都支持ⁱ「環專會」成為法定組織。「環專會」也出席與不同持份者的個別會議 / 交流，介紹擬議《條例草案》對促進香港和大灣區環保專業和產業合作的益處。不同持份者，包括認可專業學會（香港工程師學會）、本地大學、環境相關機構、智庫和非政府組織，以及私人機構的支持信函載於本文件**附錄 D**。

立法時間表

16. 在取得主席裁決以及行政長官批准後，我們爭取於 2024 年第二季將《條例草案》提交到本屆立法會。

查詢

17. 任何有關本簡要說明的問題可向立法會議員盧偉國議員辦公室查詢(電話號碼：2539 0610)。

盧偉國議員

2024 年 3 月 18 日

ⁱ 公眾持份者溝通活動收集到 60 份回覆，其中 95%（57 份回覆）表示支持成為法定組織團，收到的意見 / 建議包括（1）加強對環境專業人員在進行環境研究、設計和執行工作的操守監察，以及向公眾彰顯環境專業人員工作的正面形象，（2）「環專會」的會員資格獲取必須基於通過專業知識和道德選擇的相關考試，而不是基於隸屬關係，（3）考慮法律化是環境從業者專業化的重要一步，（4）透過認證促進環境職業的發展，（5）促進年輕環境專業人員的職業發展，與及（6）推廣環境產業的專業地位及提高國際認可。其中兩份回覆沒有對成為法團組織的擬議作出具體評論或提出擔憂。收到的一份反對意見提出的原因是「環專會」未能使用正確的途徑 / 評估方法考核環境產業內的真正專業人士。

《香港合資格環保專業人員學會條例草案》

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本條例草案

旨在

對香港合資格環保專業人員學會成為法團及有關連的事宜作出規定。

由立法會制定。

第 1 部

導言

1. 簡稱

本條例可引稱為《香港合資格環保專業人員學會條例》。

2. 釋義

在本條例中 ——

名冊 (Register)指根據章程而設立的學會會員名冊；

年度 (year)指依照章程始於每年某日及終於每年某日的學會財政年度，但學會成為法團之日起至翌年的 3 月 31 日期間，將被視為一財政年度；

秘書 (Secretary)指按照章程規定而委任的學會義務秘書；

理事會 (General Council)指根據第 7 條設立的學會理事會；

章程 (Constitution)指第 10 條所述現正生效的學會章程；

會長 (President)指在第 7 條內稱為學會會長的人及根據章程規定擔任會長職責的任何人；

會員 (member)指現時名列名冊的人；

學會 (Institute)指根據第 3 條成為法團的“香港合資格環保專業人員學會”。

第2部

香港合資格環保專業人員學會

3. 香港合資格環保專業人員學會成為法團

- (1) 香港合資格環保專業人員學會現成為一個法團，稱為“香港合資格環保專業人員學會”。學會以該名義永久延續，並可起訴及被起訴，以及可在符合本條例的情況下進行與經受法團可以合法進行與經受的一切行動及事情。
- (2) 學會備有法團印章，須經理事會通過決議方可使用。法團印章使用時，除章程另行規定外，理事會一名成員與秘書或理事會委派代替秘書的另一人必須在場見證，各人須簽署本身姓名。
- (3) 任何文件，如看來是用學會法團印章妥為簽立，並按第(2)款簽署認證，則須獲接納為證據，而除非反證成立，否則該文件須視作妥為簽立的文件。

4. 學會的宗旨

學會的宗旨如下——

- (a) 促進、發展和維持香港環保專業人員的資格制度；
- (b) 滿足香港當前和未來的環境專業知識需求；
- (c) 支持香港環保產業的發展；
- (d) 在香港備有合適資格的環保專業人員名冊；
- (e) 促進環保專業人員的持續專業發展，以滿足社會和環境不斷變化的需求；
- (f) 通過會議或出版物，促進環保專業人員之間就當前和新出現的環境相關挑戰和風險、技術、法規、政策和利益相關者交流想法、知識和信息；
- (g) 促進不同專業和行業的環保知識進步，以改善香港的環境；

- (h) 維護環保專業人員的誠信和地位，並在公眾和特區政府面前作為代表；
- (i) 提供行業與本地政府機構和其他組織之間的聯繫，以確保環保專業人員保持活力；及
- (j) 為實現上述宗旨，辦理理事會認為適當的一切其他有關或有助的事宜。

5. 學會的權力

在符合本條例的規定下，理事會可代表學會，辦理所有必需的、有連帶關係的或有助的事宜，以貫徹學會宗旨，而在不影響本條例條文的原則下，尤其可以——

- (a) 取得、承租、購買、持有和享用任何財產，以及將財產出售、出租或以其他方式處置；
- (b) 訂立任何合約；
- (c) 為會員提供適當設施；
- (d) 僱用職員；
- (e) 為職員及造訪賓客提供住所；
- (f) 為職員提供退休金或分擔退休金的供款；
- (g) 擔任有關退休金計劃及獎學金和獎項基金的受託人；
- (h) 以理事會認為適當或適宜的方式及抵押或條款借入款項；
- (i) 以理事會認為適當或適宜的條件申請及接受任何津貼以資助學會的活動；及
- (j) 以理事會認為適當或適宜的方式及規模將學會基金投資。

6. 財產的歸屬

本條例開始實施時，並非法團的香港合資格環保專業人員學會的一切財產、權利、特權、義務及法律責任均歸屬學會所有。

第3部 理事會

7. 理事會的設立

- (1) 現設立名為“香港合資格環保專業人員學會理事會”的理事會。
- (2) 本條例實施時，理事會的成員包括於緊接本條例實施前原為並非法團的香港合資格環保專業人員學會的在職會長、高級副會長、副會長、義務秘書和義務司庫及於緊接本條例實施前原為並非法團的香港合資格環保專業人員學會理事會的所有成員。
- (3) 第(2)款所述的人的任期，直至在本學會首次週年大會上或按章程規定的其他方式選舉出理事會職員及成員時終止。

8. 理事會的權力

除本條例或章程另有規定外，學會的管理權屬於理事會，而學會的一切權力亦由理事會行使。

第 4 部 會籍與章程

9. 會籍
名列名冊的人是學會的會員，即 ——
- (a) 本條例實施時，並非法團的香港合資格環保專業人員學會的全部會員；及
 - (b) 根據章程獲得會籍的其他人。
10. 現行章程成為學會章程
- (1) 學會須採納並非法團的香港合資格環保專業人員學會於本條例實施時的章程及則例作為學會的章程。
 - (2) 本條例實施後 14 天內，會長須將按第(1)款所採納的章程副本一份，呈交公司註冊處處長註冊，該副本須經會長證明為真確副本。
 - (3) 學會可隨時按照章程的條文修訂章程。
 - (4) 章程及對它所作的修訂，均無須在憲報刊登。

第 5 部 一般規定

11. 須呈交公司註冊處處長的資料
- (1) 本條例實施後 14 天內，會長須將下列資料呈交公司註冊處處長註冊 ——
 - (a) 學會地址通知；
 - (b) 理事會成員姓名及地址名單；及
 - (c) 秘書姓名及地址。
 - (2) 章程內任何條款在任何時候根據第 10 條修訂後 14 天內，會長須將修訂後的章程副本一份呈交公司註冊處處長註冊，並證明該副本為真確副本。
 - (3) 第(1)(a)、(b)或(c)款規定必須呈交公司註冊處處長的資料如有任何更改，會長須於隨後 14 天內將更改通知書呈交公司註冊處處長註冊。
 - (4) 在每個年度完結後 6 個月內，會長須將根據章程擬備的該年度學會收支結算表及以該年度完結之日為準的學會資產負債表，以及根據章程擬備的核數師報告書呈交公司註冊處處長註冊。
 - (5) 任何人在繳付按根據《公司條例》(第 622 章)第 26 條訂立的規例須就根據該條例第 45(3)條查閱文件而繳付的費用後，均可查閱按本條註冊的任何文件。
 - (6) 學會於按照本條例註冊任何文件時，須繳付按根據《公司條例》(第 622 章)第 26 條訂立的規例須繳付的費用，猶如學會為一並無股本的公司。
12. 保留條文
本條例的條文不影響亦不得當作影響中央或香港特別行政區政府根據《基本法》和其他法律的規定所享有的權利或任何政治

體或法人團體或任何其他人的權利，但本條例所述及者和經由、透過或藉著他們提出申索者除外。

摘要說明

本條例草案的主要目的，是對香港合資格環保專業人員學會成為法團及有關連的事宜作出規定。

2. 草案第 1 條列出條例簡稱。
3. 草案第 2 條界定本條例草案所用的詞語。
4. 草案第 3 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會成為法團。
5. 草案第 4 條列出香港合資格環保專業人員學會的宗旨。
6. 草案第 5 條列出香港合資格環保專業人員學會的權力。
7. 草案第 6 條列出香港合資格環保專業人員學會的財產歸屬事宜。
8. 草案第 7 條訂明香港合資格環保專業人員學會理事會的設立。
9. 草案第 8 條列出香港合資格環保專業人員學會理事會的權力。
10. 草案第 9 條處理會籍事宜。
11. 草案第 10 條訂明現行章程成為學會章程。
12. 草案第 11 條列出須呈交公司註冊處處長的資料。
13. 草案第 12 條是《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》第 50(8)條所要求的保留條文。

《香港合資格環保專業人員學會條例草案》

根據《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》
第 51(2)條簽發的證明書

本人認為《香港合資格環保專業人員學會條例草案》符合議事規則第 50 條的規定及香港法例的一般格式。

林少忠

法律草擬專員
林少忠

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24 August 2023

Mr. Freeman Cheung
President, Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Cheung,

**Support for the Legalization of the
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals**

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2023, providing background information on the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and its pursuit of the legalization of the Institute through the introduction of a Private Member Bill into the Legislative Council. I am also pleased to learn that the consultation on the legalization of HKIQEP is progressing well, and I commend the Institute for actively involving professionals and stakeholders in this significant matter.

The importance of professionalism in addressing global challenges, particularly in the context of climate change and Hong Kong's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality in support of national targets, cannot be overstated. A robust framework and qualified environmental professionals are crucial in meeting our environmental targets and contributing to the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

We have taken note of the significant achievements of HKIQEP over the years, including the participation of over 1,100 individuals in the closed-book examinations and the growing membership of over 660 professionals. We also note that more than forty companies from a wide range of industries, including property developers, engineering

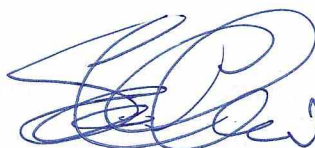
firms, consultancies, public utility companies and statutory bodies, have pledged to recognize qualifications accredited by the HKIQEP for environment-related positions, and to encourage relevant staff to pursue an HKIQEP qualification. These accomplishments demonstrate the commitment of environmental professionals in enhancing their skills and knowledge to contribute to environmental protection and sustainable development.

The legalization of HKIQEP holds great significance for the professional development and qualification of experts in the environmental protection field. It will provide a clear pathway for professionals to enhance their expertise and contribute to the environmental services industry, which is one of the pillar industries in Hong Kong. Moreover, it will strengthen the work of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) by ensuring a pool of qualified talent and expertise to address the environmental challenges we face.

Recognising that such an initiative aligns with our collective goal of achieving environmental sustainability and addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by the need for skilled environmental professionals in Hong Kong, we are pleased to inform you that the EPD fully supports the legalization of HKIQEP.

Upon the successful legalization of HKIQEP, we look forward to further collaboration and cooperation between the EPD and HKIQEP to achieve our shared goals.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Samuel HK CHUI

Director of Environmental Protection

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5 September 2023

BY EMAIL (president@hkiqep.org/consultation@hkiqep.org)

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

Dear Freeman,

AECOM is pleased to express our strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

We applaud HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge resulting a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's complex environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong as well as attracting more graduates to join the environmental industry.

We believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will provide the early environmental professionals with a clear and defined career pathway, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the environmental management field. We support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and we wish HKIQEP every success to enhance the future development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of
AECOM Asia Co. Ltd.



Stephen Lai

Senior Vice President, Director of Operation, Hong Kong

By email (president@hkiqep.org / consultation@hkiqep.org)
August 29, 2023

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Freeman,

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited is pleased to express our strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

We applaud HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge resulting a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's complex environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong as well as attracting more graduates to join the environmental industry.

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Yours sincerely,



Franki Chiu
Director

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24 August 2023

Freeman Cheung
President

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong
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**Support Letter for the Legalisation of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)
from Business Environment Council Limited 商界環保協會有限公司**


Dear Mr Cheung,

I am writing on behalf of Business Environment Council Limited ("BEC") to express our strong support for the proposed legalisation of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals ("HKIQEP") and the granting of statutory status to the Institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP set out the mission to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services, supported by a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalisation of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the growing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As one of the organisations that pledged, since the inception of HKIQEP, to support the recruitment of qualified environmental professionals and encourage existing staff to pursue an HKIQEP qualification, BEC believes the legalisation of HKIQEP will strengthen Hong Kong's environmental industry, attract investment, and create high-quality jobs for future generations.

Should you want to discuss this issue further or explore future collaboration with BEC, please contact our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Simon Ng at 

Yours sincerely,



Kevin O'Brien
Chairman
Business Environment Council Limited



BSOMES

Building Services Operation and
Maintenance Executives Society
屋宇設備運行及維修行政人員學會

Our ref: BSOMES/2023/002
Date : 4 September 2023

By E-mail

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309,
Central,
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Cheung,

RE: Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals

As the President of the Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executives Society ("BSOMES"), I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals ("HKIQEP") and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP has been dedicated to developing and raising the standards of environmental professionals, with the aim of promoting Hong Kong as a Center of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP's mission encompasses the promotion of a comprehensive qualification system that covers various environmental areas, including environmental science, management and policy, air and noise pollution, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste management, and water management. By ensuring that environmental professionals possess the necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. Recognizing the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sector will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leverage Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As a professional environmental institute, we firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide young graduates with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I am confident that HKIQEP will continue to play a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ir Wommy Wong
President (2022-2024)
Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executive Society



中國港灣工程有限責任公司

(於中華人民共和國註冊成立之有限責任公司)

香港代表：振華工程有限公司

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HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE: ZHEN HUA ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

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Date: 31st August 2023

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited
G.P.O. Box 12309
Central, Hong Kong

Mr. Freeman CHEUNG (President)

by email ([REDACTED]) and by Mail

Dear Freeman,

Re: Consultation on Legalization of HKIQEP

Thank you for your letter on 15th August. We are pleased to write to indicate our support to the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited (HKIQEP) in the proposed legalization process.

Apart from the fact that some of our colleagues are already members of HKIQEP, we sincerely believe environmental challenges these days are becoming ever more imminent and complex, requiring multi-disciplinary expertise and joint efforts of scientists and engineers. If successful, the legalization process also offers another route of achieving professional recognition for our young talents, which are the essential drivers for our future sustainable development. We will gladly participate in the training and qualification schemes of the legalized HKIQEP.

More importantly, this legalization process of HKIQEP marks a "professional legitimacy" of the practicing environmental professionals in Hong Kong for better cooperation, knowledge exchange and sharing with our professional counterparts in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

We sincerely look forward to the successful legalization of HKIQEP and will proactively take part in the legalized HKIQEP to ensure a long-term sustainable development of Hong Kong and GBA.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or our Senior Environmental Business Manager, Ir Louis Chan, in case of questions.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

China Harbour Engineering Company Limited

XUE Yong

Authorized Representative



Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central,
Hong Kong

18th August 2023
(by e-mail)

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman Cheung,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute. As a leading public think tank dedicated to promoting sustainable development and environmental excellence in Hong Kong, we recognize the importance of establishing a robust framework to meet environmental challenges and elevate professional standards in the field.

HKIQEP's mission to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals aligns with our shared goal of advancing environmental sustainability and promoting the well-being of our city. The institute's efforts to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, including environmental science, management and policy, air and noise, environmental impact assessment, waste, and water, are commendable. By ensuring that environmental professionals possess the necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

Over the years, HKIQEP has garnered significant participation and engagement from professionals in the field, as evidenced by its growing membership of over 660 individuals. This demonstrates the industry's recognition of the importance of professional development and the value that HKIQEP brings to the environmental



protection sector in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area (GBA). Granting statutory status to HKIQEP will further enhance the institute's credibility, enabling it to effectively set professional standards, contribute to policy formulation, and support the development of a green and low-carbon economy.

The proposed legalization of HKIQEP comes at a critical time when Hong Kong is facing pressing environmental challenges and when the Mainland's national policy is focusing on carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals. It is imperative that we have a robust framework to meet these targets and establish Hong Kong as a center of excellence in professional environmental services. By endorsing the proposed legislation, we can demonstrate our commitment to addressing these challenges and ensuring a sustainable future for our city.

The legalization of HKIQEP will be instrumental in advancing this crucial initiative. By recognizing the importance of professional qualifications in the environmental fields, we can strengthen Hong Kong's environmental industry, attract investment, and create quality jobs for future generations. Furthermore, this support will contribute to nurturing young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

I am fully convinced that the legalization of HKIQEP and the granting of statutory status to the institute will be a significant step forward in promoting environmental excellence in Hong Kong. I wholeheartedly endorse this initiative.

Together, we can foster a greener, more sustainable future for our city and ensure that Hong Kong remains at the forefront of environmental professionalism.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Lawrence Lu
Executive Director
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China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong and International Chapter Limited

30th August 2023

Freeman Cheung

President

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals

G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

Dear Mr. Cheung,

I am writing on behalf of China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong and International Chapter Limited to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As one of the leading companies in the environmental and sustainability sector, we understand the significance of establishing a robust framework to address environmental challenges and elevate professional standards in the field. We firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will

strengthen Hong Kong's environmental industry, attract investment, and create high-quality jobs for future generations. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I am confident that HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at +852 [REDACTED] / +852 [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natasha Ho".

Natasha Ho
President
China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce
Hong Kong and International Chapter Limited



23 August, 2023

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Mr. Freeman Cheung,

As the current programme director of Environmental Science Programme and the coordinator of a newly established Earth and Environmental Sciences Programme of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission has been geared to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays an important role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As an educator in the environmental field, I firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide our students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I am confident that HKIQEP will continue in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention. If you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Tsz-Ki Tsui, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
School of Life Sciences and Earth and Environmental Sciences Programme
Director of Environmental Science Programme
Fellow, Institute of Environment, Energy and Sustainability
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

23rd August 2023
(by e-mail)

Dear Freeman Cheung,

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

As the Head of the Department of Science and Environmental Studies at The Education University of Hong Kong, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

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As educators, we firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide our students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I am confident that HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Prof TSANG Po Keung Eric
Head of the Department of Science and Environmental Studies
The Education University of Hong Kong



29 August 2023

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong
(by email: consultation@hkiqep.org)

**Support Letter for the Legalisation of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

Dear Freeman,

I am writing on behalf of the Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong Limited (“EMAHK”) to express our support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (“HKIQEP”) and the granting of statutory status to the Institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP’s mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

Being one of HKIQEP’s Institutional Partners, EMAHK understands the significance of establishing a robust framework to address environmental challenges and elevate professional standards in the field. We firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will strengthen Hong Kong's environmental industry, attract investment, and create high-quality jobs for future generations. We therefore wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and are confident that HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

As Chair of EMAHK, I look forward to forging a strong partnership with HKIQEP in nurturing young talents for Hong Kong’s environmental sector, and in enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals.

Yours sincerely,

Simon K W Ng
Chair
The Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong Limited



大灣區碳中和協會
GBA Carbon Neutrality Association

Mr. Freeman Cheung
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28th August 2023

By E-mail

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Mr. Freeman Cheung,

I am writing this letter to express my unequivocal support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (“HKIQEP”). As the Founding President of GBA Carbon Neutrality Association (GBACNA), I firmly believe that establishing a recognized professional body for Hong Kong environmental experts by granting HKIQEP a statutory status will pave the way towards higher standards and longevity of professional environmental practices in Hong Kong, ultimately accelerating decarbonization and achieving our nation’s ultimate “Dual Carbon” goal.

Throughout my experience leading GBACNA to advocate for low-carbon initiatives, I see the growing demand for skilled environmental professionals in environmental sustainability, climate change and carbon neutrality. HKIQEP, as a proposed professional institute, will play a crucial role in legitimizing the professional qualifications of environmental experts in the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region and further advancing environmental protection efforts in the long run. By establishing a framework for professional development, accreditation, and continuous learning, HKIQEP will help attract, incentivize, and retain young talents in the environmental field, fostering innovation and driving the adoption of sustainable practices across various sectors.

Furthermore, the legalization of the HKIQEP will contribute to the overall growth and competitiveness of Hong Kong as a regional green and sustainable finance hub. I strongly believe that HKIQEP harnesses a rich pool of professional human resources that will secure and attract financing for more environmentally sustainable projects and ESG-related investments to accelerate the broad-based growth of green and sustainable finance in Hong Kong and support the government's climate strategies.

In conclusion, I fully support the legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals. The establishment of this professional body will elevate the standards of environmental practice, foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing, and strengthen the environmental sector in Hong Kong.

I am looking forward to a positive outcome that will benefit both environmental professionals and the sustainable future of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



Dennis Wu
Founding President
GBA Carbon Neutrality Association



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August 28, 2023

BY EMAIL

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong
Mr. Freeman Cheung
President

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

Dear *Freeman,*

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Green Council, I firmly believe in the importance of recognizing and enhancing the status of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

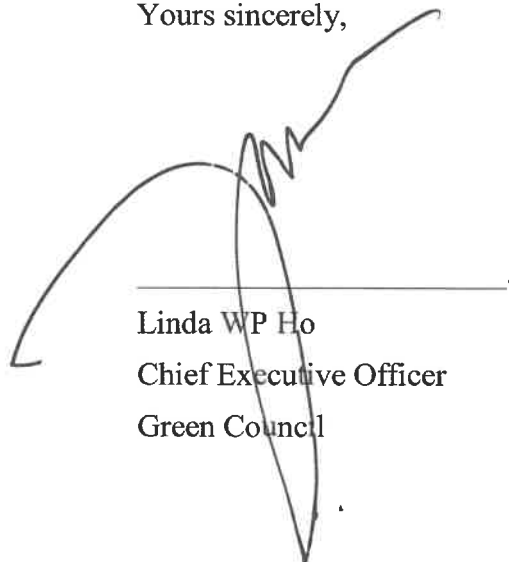
Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP has been dedicated to developing and raising the standards of environmental professionals. By promoting a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will not only elevate the status of environmental professionals but also provide a clear career path for young graduates interested in the fields of environment and sustainability.



Granting statutory status to HKIQEP demonstrates the government's recognition of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors. It will facilitate the development of young talent and leverage Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth. I am confident that HKIQEP, as a legalized institute, will continue to play a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for considering this matter. If you require any further information or would like to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Linda WP Ho', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and loops around the line.

Linda WP Ho
Chief Executive Officer
Green Council

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

28 August 2023

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman Cheung,

As the Head of the Department of Biology at the Hong Kong Baptist University, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As educators, we firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide our students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I am confident that HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Yiji Xia

Chair Professor and Head of Department of Biology, Hong Kong Baptist University

Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

8th September 2023
(by e-mail)

Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman Cheung,

As the Chairman and President of Hong Kong Green Finance Association, I am writing to express my support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the professional qualification in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As a professional association, we agree that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide young graduates with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, I support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and confident that HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ma Jun
Chairman and President
Hong Kong Green Finance Association





Mr. Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

2 November 2023
(by e-mail)

**Support for the Proposed Incorporation of
the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) by Statute**

Dear Freeman,

I write to express the support of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) for the proposed incorporation of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) by statute.

Public expectation on good environmental assessment and protection has been elevating steadily in recent years. Proper means for ensuring the quality of professional environmental services available in Hong Kong is imminent. Granting statutory status to a well-established professional entity is highly advisable, which would provide young talent with a clear career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue a career in this professional field.

HKIQEP's commitment to raise the standards of environmental professionals in Hong Kong, and to promote a comprehensive qualification system to ensure environmental professionals possessing necessary expertise is commendable. We therefore support HKIQEP's proposal of introducing a bill to make it become a statutory institute.

Should you require any further information from HKIA or wish to discuss this issue with us in more details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Benny Chan Chak Bun
President
Hong Kong Institute of Architects



HKICM

Hong Kong Institute of
Construction Managers

香港營造師學會

By e-mail

6th September 2023

Freeman Cheung

President

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals

G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman,

As the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers, I am writing to express my dedicated support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the Institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental subjects, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant step towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As a professional institute, we trust that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide young graduates with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. We wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and we are confident that HKIQEP will continue in playing a vital role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Cr MANG Ka-wing, Terence

President

Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers

1 September 2023

Mr Freeman CHEUNG
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited
G.P.O. Box 12309
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Dear Freeman

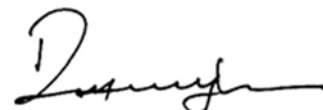
Re: Consultation on Legalization of HKIQEP

On behalf of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, I am writing to indicate our support to Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited (HKIQEP) for obtaining statutory status through legislation. Through legalization granting statutory status to HKIQEP, we believe that the challenges and opportunities presented by the need for skilled environmental professionals will be well addressed.

The objective of HKIQEP is not only to develop and maintain a qualification system for environmental professionals in Hong Kong, but also to maintain the integrity and status of the environmental professionals. HKIQEP demonstrates a positive effect on facilitating the exchange of ideas and information between environmental professionals on current and emerging environmental-related issues, as well as providing links between industry and the Hong Kong Governmental bodies and other organizations to ensure that environmental professionals remain dynamic and relevant to both industry and the community.

With the legalization of HKIQEP, we are confident that Hong Kong will get closer to be the center of excellence in environmental services. I eagerly anticipate the success of the incorporation and look forward to the positive impact of the legalization to the environmental industry.

Yours sincerely



Ir Barry LEE Chi Hong
President

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Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
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5th Sept. 2023
(by e-mail)

Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman,

As the Chair of the Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment (HKIEIA), I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

We applaud HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge providing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong to attract more young talents to join the environmental industry.

We believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment management. We support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and we wish HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

David Gallacher
Chair, Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment

**Hong Kong Institute of
Environmental Protection Officers**



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31 August 2023

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)
G.P.O, Box 12309,
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr. Freeman Cheung, President of HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman,

Support for Legalization of HKIQEP

I write, on behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Protection Officers (HKIEPO), to support the legalization to provide HKIQEP with a statutory status by proceeding with the introduction of a Private Member Bill into the Legislative Council.

The HKIEPO is a learned institute in environmental affairs as well as a staff union representing the professional Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) grade officers of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). One of our objectives is to encourage continuous professional development of the EPO grade in the EPD, and thereby support developing professionalism in the environmental services of Hong Kong.

The legalization of HKIQEP will help transform Hong Kong into a centre of excellence in environmental services that is aligned with the objective of HKIEPO. Granting HKIQEP the status of an incorporated body, ensuring its legal existence with perpetual succession by the Legislative Council would be a crucial initiative for recognizing the importance of professional qualifications in the environmental fields and to promote environmental excellence in Hong Kong.

More importantly, it will create a clear goal for our future and young generations

to pursue green and sustainable career, by providing a clear professional pathway and more quality jobs for them to meet pressing environmental challenges such as carbon neutrality, municipal solid waste (MSW) management, cross-boundary environmental cooperation and more importantly, land and housing supply.

We support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and we wish HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

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(Alfred WONG)

Chairman

Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Protection Officers



香港聲學學會

Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics

Freeman Cheung

President

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals

G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

4th September 2023

(by e-mail)

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

Dear Freeman,

As the Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

We applaud HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge providing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong to attract more young talents to join the environmental industry.

We believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment management. We support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and we wish HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of HKIOA

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12 September 2023
(By email)

Mr Freeman CHEUNG
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals**

Dear Freeman,

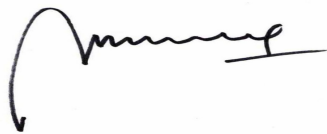
I am writing to express my support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP).

As understood, the HKIQEP was established in 2015 with the mission to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services.

The legalization of HKIQEP would certainly help enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong, which will in turn facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute and look forward to stronger collaboration between HKIQEP and the Hong Kong Institute of Planners in future.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Cheung, JP
President
The Hong Kong Institute of Planners

Mr. Freeman Cheung, President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

30 August 2023
(by E-mail)

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Freeman,

Support for the Legalization of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals

On behalf of the Hong Kong Marine Ecological Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute. We highly appreciate HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge providing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong to attract more young talents to join the environmental industry.

As a professional environmental organization, we understand the importance of continuous professional development in the field. We firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will further enhance the institute's credibility. This recognition will enable HKIQEP to effectively establish professional standards, actively contribute to policy formulation, and support the advancement of a green and low-carbon economy.

We, therefore, enthusiastically support the proposal and effort of HKIQEP for becoming a legalized institute. We are confident that HKIQEP will continue to play a key role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong. Thank you for your kind consideration. Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [REDACTED] or via my mobile phone at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

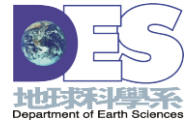


Kenneth Leung, JP
Director and Chairman
Hong Kong Marine Ecological Association





Dr. Christelle Not
Assistant Professor
Department of Earth Sciences



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Freeman Cheung
President
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

Hong Kong, August 28th

Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Dear Freeman Cheung,

As the coordinator of the of the Environmental Science Major program at the University of Hong Kong, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. The Environmental Science Major at HKU has been accredited since 2021 by HKIQEP and since then had provided comprehensive experience to environmental science students to professional experience and network covering a variety of topic related to environmental science such as management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water resources. The opportunities provided by HKIQEP to students and professionals ensure the development of a strong and competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents as a substantial step forward in enhancing the status and recognition of environmental specialists in Hong Kong. By recognizing the importance of professional credentials in environmental fields, we can foster the development of emerging talent and capitalize on Hong Kong's strong suits in professional sectors to stimulate sustainable and comprehensive progress.

As an educator, I believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will offer our students a well-defined career trajectory, which in turn may inspire them to venture into the areas of environmental science and sustainability. I am therefore in full support of HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I trust that HKIQEP will continue to take a crucial part in cultivating environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you need any additional details or wish to delve deeper into this topic, I am always available for contact.

Sincerely,

Dr Christelle Not

Marina Wong, JP
Chartered President
黃汝瑛, JP
創會會長

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(Email: president@hkiqep.org)

Mr. Freeman Cheung
President

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals
G.P.O. Box 12309, Central, Hong Kong

27 September 2023

Dear Mr. Cheung,

Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

As the President of the Hong Kong Women Professionals & Entrepreneurs Association (HKWPEA), I am writing to express our association's strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, by ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP has played a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

As a non-profit organization of local women professionals and entrepreneurs, we are vested in promoting high professional standards across various industries, striving for sustainability and environmental protection with action in community projects. We firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide young graduates with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, HKWPEA wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and is confident that HKIQEP will persist in

Marina Wong, JP
Chartered President
黃汝瑛, JP
創會會長

a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.

Executive Board Members
執行委員會

Helen Kan
President
簡吳秋玉
會長

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please feel free to have your office contact HKWPEA Secretariat at (852) 6233 5230, or contact me directly at (852) [REDACTED] or by email: info@hkwpea.org.

Grace Tse
Vice President
謝佩欣
副會長

Thank you!

Janice Tsang
Vice President
曾詠恆
副會長

Best regards,



Louisa Lui
Vice President
呂淑瓊
副會長

Helen Kan
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Dear Freeman,

Re: Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)

Meinhardt Infrastructure and Environment Ltd is pleased to express our strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

We applaud HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge resulting a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's complex environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong as well as attracting more graduates to join the environmental industry.

We believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will provide the early environmental professionals with a clear and defined career pathway, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the environmental management field. We support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and we wish HKIQEP every success to enhance the future development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully
MEINHARDT INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT LTD



Claudine Lee
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The Network of Environmental Students Societies (NESS),
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August 28th, 2023

Legislative Council of the HKSAR,
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Dear the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region,

We are writing this letter to express NESS's support for the legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP). As a youth-led climate-focused organization, we believe that the legalization of HKIQEP as a certified professional body will play a crucial role in promoting environmental awareness and sustainability in Hong Kong.

Based in Hong Kong, NESS was founded in June 2021 and aims to enhance youth awareness and capacity in climate change and sustainability. We also seek to establish a platform for sustainability-related opportunities for Hong Kong youth to advance career pathways and climate actions, which aligns with the goals of HKIQEP.

Through multi-disciplinary perspectives, NESS hopes to bridge the gap between stakeholders and youth and inspire youth from diverse backgrounds to take concrete actions through various events and educational content.

In this context, we believe that the legalization of HKIQEP will provide a much-needed boost to the environmental sector in Hong Kong. We are certain that the legalization will help promote environmental professionalism, encourage sustainable practices, and provide a platform for young professionals to advance their careers.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding our letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@nesshk.org.

Sincerely yours,

Network of Environmental Students Society (NESS) Hong Kong





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11th September 2023
(by e-mail)

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

Dear Freeman Cheung,

As the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute.

Since its establishment in 2015, HKIQEP's mission is to develop and raise the standards of environmental professionals with a view to promoting Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas, namely environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water. By ensuring environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge in these fundamental areas, HKIQEP plays a crucial role in nurturing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges.

The legalization of HKIQEP represents a significant stride towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. The acknowledgement of the significance of professional qualifications in the environmental sectors will facilitate the nurturing of young talent and leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in professional industries to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

The vision and mission of HKIQEP to transform Hong Kong to a center of excellence in professional environmental services aligns closely with our Department's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. As educators, we firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide our students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute, and I am confident that HKIQEP will play a vital role in ensuring the continued development and growth of the environmental services industry in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern

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Dear Freeman,

**Support for the Legalization of
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)**

As the Director of State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollution and Associate Dean (Research & Postgraduate Education) at College of Science in City University of Hong Kong, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legalization of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and the granting of statutory status to the institute. We applaud HKIQEP's vision to raise the standards of environmental professionals and to promote Hong Kong as the Centre of Excellence in environmental services. HKIQEP aims to promote a comprehensive qualification system covering various environmental areas to qualify environmental professionals with necessary expertise and knowledge providing a competent workforce capable of addressing Hong Kong's environmental challenges. The legalization of HKIQEP will enhance the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong and will attract more young talents to join the environmental industry.

As an educator, I firmly believe that the legalization of HKIQEP can provide our students with a clear and defined career path, thereby encouraging them to pursue careers in the fields of environment and sustainability. I wholeheartedly support HKIQEP's efforts to become a legalized institute. I am confident that HKIQEP will persist in playing a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr. Freeman Cheung,
President,
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August 17, 2023

Dear Freeman,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Program Director of the BSc in Environmental Management and Technology at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, I am writing to express my strong support for the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) and their proposed legislation to become a legalized institute.

HKIQEP has been at the forefront of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong since its establishment in 2015. The commitment to developing and maintaining a qualification system that covers various environmental areas such as environmental science, management and policy, air, noise, environmental impact assessment and hazard assessment, waste, and water, is indeed commendable. Such initiatives ensure that environmental professionals in our city possess the necessary expertise and knowledge to address the complex environmental challenges we face today.

The move to introduce a Private Member Bill for the legalization of the Institute is a significant step towards enhancing the status and recognition of environmental professionals in Hong Kong. This legislation will undoubtedly strengthen the environmental sector and reinforce Hong Kong's position as a Centre of Excellence in environmental services.

As educators, we understand the importance of providing our students with the best possible opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge. The legalization of HKIQEP will offer our students an additional avenue for professional growth and recognition, thereby enriching their education and career prospects.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly support the efforts of HKIQEP to become a legalized institute. I believe this is a key initiative that will promote environmental excellence in Hong Kong, and I urge all stakeholders to support this crucial endeavor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am confident that with our collective support, HKIQEP will continue to play a pivotal role in the development of environmental professionalism in Hong Kong.



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